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1. [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] received a report according to which preliminary preparations for the unification of various Communist fighting unions and sections, which were started about mid-August, were concluded in mid-October 1949. Action was undertaken at the instance of General Sviridov, Soviet High Commissioner for Austria.
2. The Verband Oesterreichischer Antifaschistischer Freiheitskämpfer (Association of Austrian Antifascist Liberation Fighters), the Verband Oesterreichischer KZ-ler und Politisch Verfolgter (Association of Former Austrian Concentration Camp Inmates and the Politically Persecuted), the Verband Ehemaliger Politischer Wehrmachtshaeftlinge (Association of Former Political Detainees of the German Armed Forces), the Akademische Kampfbund (Academic Fighting Union), the Stalingrad Komitee (Stalingrad Committee), the Factory Police, the Committee of the Antifa Returnees and Honner's former partisan group have been merged into the Verband demokratischer Antifaschisten (Association of Democratic Antifascists). This new organization is to form the militant cadre of the Communist Party. 25X1

3. [REDACTED]

Comment:

- * Editor of the Viennese Communist newspaper Volksstimme.
- ** Ex-member of the Austrian People's Party (OeVP).
- *** Member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Austria.

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